Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has he completed all these works ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. The answers were given already.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then how is the Department worked ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That point was answered already in the previous question. There were certain difficult stages, and when these stages were got over, the post of a Special Officer was thought unnecessary, and so it was discontinued.

234. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there was a request by Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, retired Diwan Peishkar for the grant of a duty allowance for the work done by him in connection with Harbour, Railways and allied matters; if so, what were the grounds of the request and what was the reply given to him by the Government;

(b) what were the important matters connected with the above subjects dealt with by him while in office and how long was he in charge of these; what was the important work done by the Special Officer during his 9 months of office ;

(c) what was the necessity for the appointment of a Special Officer; how much was spent on the Special Officer by the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. His reason was that he was attending to Harbour, Railway and allied matters in addition to his normal duties. His request was recorded.

(b) Such important matters as connected with Venduruthi reclamation, Port limits and Railway development. The Special Officer was attending among others to the above important matters in detail.

(c) It was considered necessary to have these questions dealt with in detail by a full-timed officer. Rs. 8,708-14-0 which includes his pay and T. A.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Does this order 'recorded' show that his request was refused ? Am I to take it that 'recorded' meant refused ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was refused.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Mr. Damodara Menon was given an allowance. Why was it thought necessary ? And why was it that this gentleman was refused the allowance ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Damodara Menon was given this allowance because his pay was not equal to the pay of his previous post. And so this allowance was sanctioned temporarily.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I do not quite follow the answer. This was created for Mr. Damodara Menon.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is an interpretation which the Hon'ble Member puts upon it and with which the Government do not agree.

Publication of eulogistic notes on the retirement of distinguished Heads of Departments.

235. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what is its policy with regard to the publication of eulogistic notes on the retirement of distinguished Heads of Departments and other officials from the services of the State;

(2) in how many cases have such notes been published during the last ten years and which are those cases;

(3) have they published such a note in the case of Mr. P. Damodara Menon who for some time acted as Diwan and who lately retired after putting in a long period of meritorious and distinguished service; if they have not, why not ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) There is no question of policy involved in the publication of such notes.

(2) The following are some of the cases during the last 10 years in which such notes were issued :—

1. Mr. K. Shangu Warrior, Comptroller of Accounts.
2. ,, C. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Headmaster, High School, Kunnamkulam.
3. ,, H. W. M. Brown, Commissioner of Police.
4. Dr. C. Ramunni Menon, Civil Surgeon.
5. Mr. F. S. Davies, Director of Education.
6. Mr. P. Narayana Menon, Puisne Judge, Chief Court.

(3) No. No special reasons.

Mr. C.J. Mathew.—With regard to (2), it seems, in the case of Mr. C. V. Subramania Ayyar, who was only a Headmaster, a note was published, but in the case of Messrs. Damodara Menon, Vengu Ayyar and others, who have recently retired and who were Heads of Departments, no note is seen published. And to sub-division (3), the answer given is 'No. No special reasons'. So, am I to take it that there is no policy in the publication of the note or to deny publication, or is there any principle for publishing or not publishing ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no special policy.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is it left to the whims and fancies of the Government to publish or not to publish, or is it guided by any principle ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no definite policy or definite principle underlying.

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